





## FIEC – current activities

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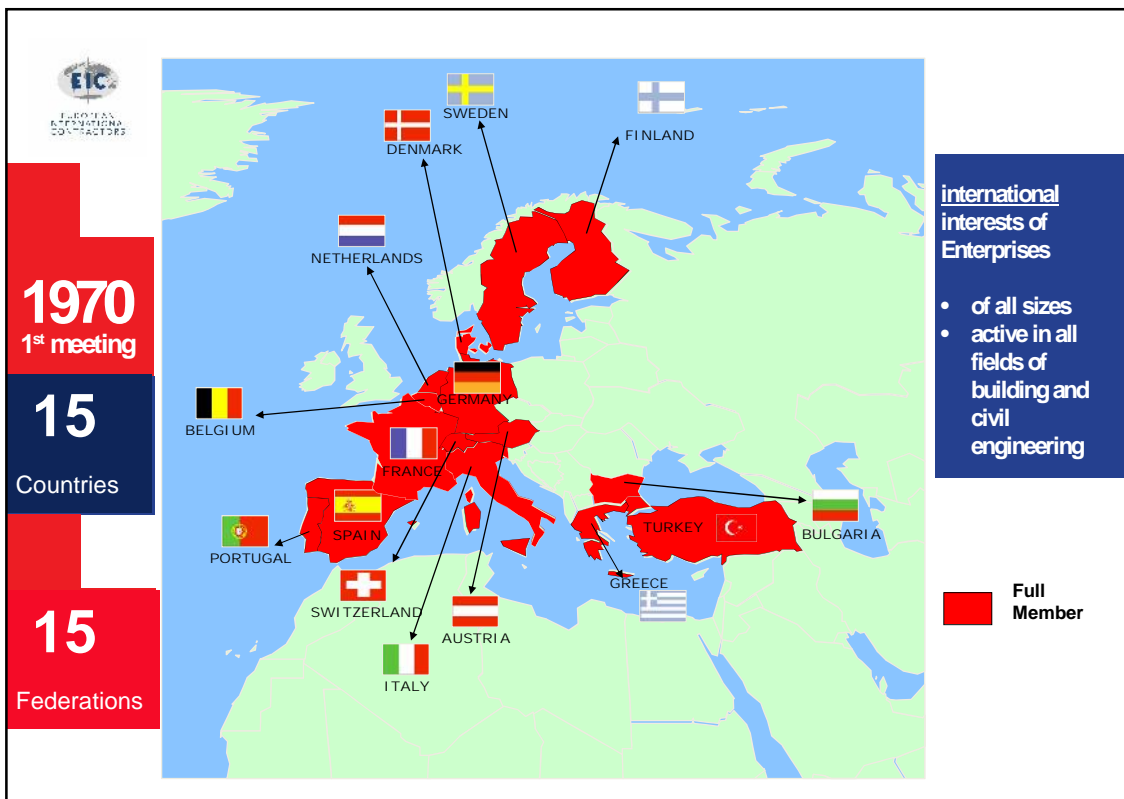
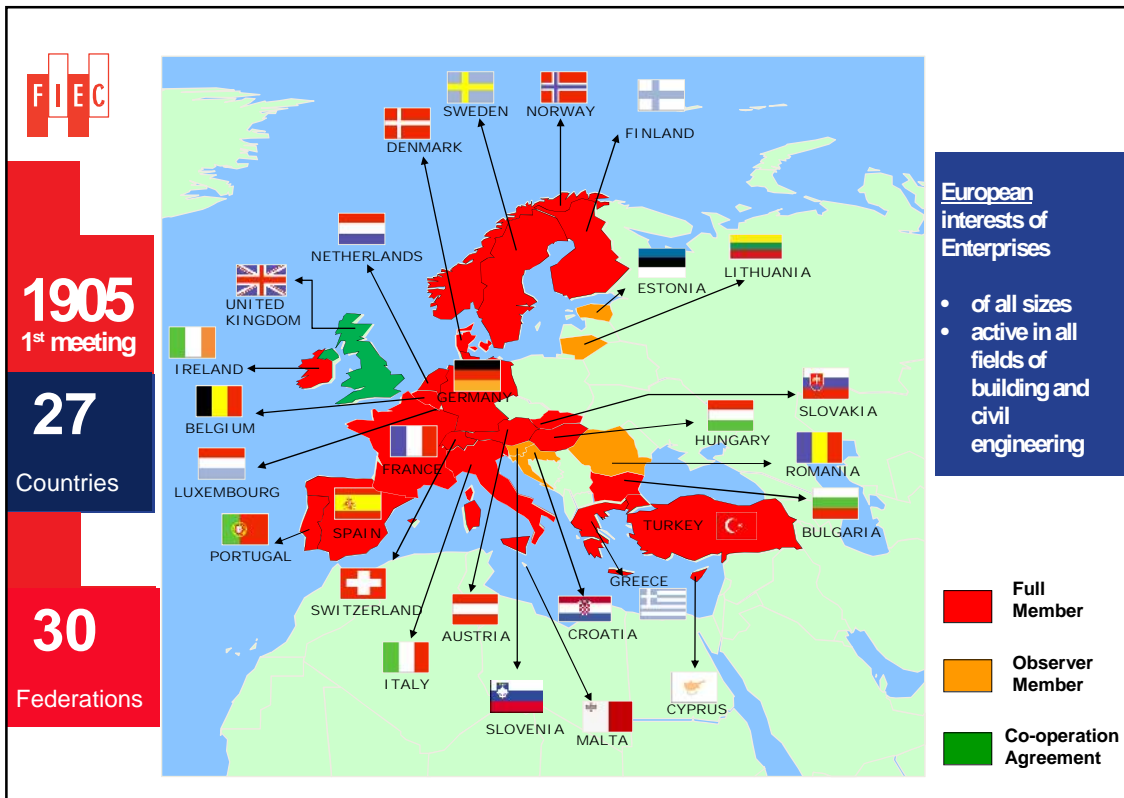
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## FIEC – some basics



- **“Ambassador”** for members’ interests to EU institutions, based on close cooperation with member federations
- **Complementarity with EIC,**  
i.e. interests in Europe (FIEC) and outside of Europe (EIC)  
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- **Joint WGs in areas of complementary know how,**  
incl. coordination with local contractors’ associations concerned
- **Recognised “Social Partner”** (just confirmed by EC study)  
with possibility to negotiate agreements EU law
- **80 % of national law is based on EU law**



## FIEC current activities (ECO)



- **Juncker Investment Plan – EFSI**  
**“European Fund for Strategic Investment”**
  - normal EIB procedures (via commercial banks)
  - higher risks acceptable, without endangering EIB “AAA” status
  - min. 25 million € project (otherwise regrouping of smaller ones)
- **Market Access instrument (“reciprocity”)**
  - new attempt for “leverage” in international trade negotiations
  - EC internal draft text almost complete
  - LUX Presidency might “test the water”, NL Pres. not interested
  - Will not avoid “COVEC situations”
  - Spain: “reciprocity confirmation” by embassy for 3<sup>rd</sup> country firms

## FIEC current activities (SOC & Social Dialogue)



- **Assessment of all Health & Safety legislation**
  - Psycho-social risks (“stress”)
  - Musculo-Skeletal Disorders
  - Nano-technology used in material/ products
  - Respirable Crystalline Silica (inclusion in Carcinogens Dir. possible)
- **“Mobility package”, incl. possible modifications of**
  - the “Posting” Directive
  - the Regulation for coordination of national social security systems
- **Fight against undeclared work**
  - European platform being created (EC/ EP/ Council)
  - incl. “Social Partners” of sectors most concerned (construction)
- **Single-member private limited liability company (SUP)**

## FIEC current activities (TEC)



- **Execution Standards**
  - risk that CEN standards increasingly concern installation/ execution,
  - this would lead to the contractor's responsibility, not the producer's
- **Future EU standardisation policy**
  - EC Communication
  - EC intends to use standardisation for all areas (ECO/ SOC/ TEC)
- **Label for resource efficiency of buildings**
  - risk of additional assessment procedures to be done by contractors
- **Circular Economy Package/ Waste Directives**
  - recycling/ reuse of construction material
  - recycled/ reused material must be "fit for purpose"

## FIEC current activities (EC "Construction 2020")



- **"Strategy for the sustainable competitiveness of the construction sector and its enterprises"**
- **High Level Tripartite Strategic Forum**
- **Thematic Groups**
  - 1 "Stimulating investment in building renovation, infra., innovation"
  - 2 "Skills and qualifications"
  - 3 "Improving resource efficiency, environmental performance and business opportunities"
  - 4 "Strengthening the Internal Market for Construction"
  - 5 "International competitiveness" (EIC and FIEC)
- **Studies: services directive, "fitness check"**

## FIEC current activities (Joint FIEC/ EIC WG "Poland")



- **Sejm, Infrastructure Commission, sub-commission "roads" - hearing 30/9/2015**
  - FIEC/ EIC, NL organisation C.R.O.W. and National Contracting Forum (NCF)
  - positive reactions from chair - who will not be in next Sejm
  - needs pressure also via Polish ambassadors invited to meet national Ministers
- **"21 demands for sound project management"**
  - initial draft with 18 "golden principles" circulated to WG for input
- **Transport Commissioner Bulc's response**
  - direct responsibility for CEF-financed "Via Baltica" lots in PL
- **Involvement of local contractors' associations**
  - general issue for all Central and Eastern European countries

## FIEC current activities (Joint FIEC/ EIC WG "ethics")



- **ISO ant-corruption management standard**
  - FIEC "liaison" status, PC/278, FIEC/ EIC representative: Per Nielsen
  - draft being finalised, for voting by National Standardisation Institutions
- **CoST (Construction Sector Transparency Initiative)**
  - initially UK initiative, aimed at developing countries
  - first contacts for extension to EU level
  - FIEC/ EIC representative in CoST review advisory panel: Frank Kehlenbach
- **European Economic and Social Committee**
  - CCMI/ 132: "Fighting Corruption" (UP in Study Group) adopted, Plenary 16/9/2015
  - main success: request for fair/ balanced contract conditions

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